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Amendments to the Title:

Please change the present title "PROCESSING SUBSTRATE AND/OR SUPPORT SURFACE" to the following new title: "DISPOSABLE CUTTING SHEET".

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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, beginning at line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention relates generally to protective media, and, more particularly, to a ~~processing substrate and/or support surface~~ cutting sheet which is disposable.

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 26-29, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

In accordance with one aspect of the present invention, a ~~processing substrate~~ disposable cutting sheet for cutting and preparation of food items thereon includes a sheet having first cut-resistant layer having a first surface capable of withstanding cutting by a serrated knife without substantial compromise of the sheet, a liquid impervious barrier and a liquid absorbent portion disposed adjacent the surface area and including a cellulosic ply and a thermoplastic material ply, wherein the thermoplastic material ply of the first layer includes a plurality of apertures therethrough. The cutting sheet further includes a second layer having a second surface area and including a cellulosic ply and a thermoplastic material ply. The cellulosic ply of the first layer is disposed on and secured to the cellulosic ply of the second layer such that portions of the thermoplastic and cellulosic plies of the second layer extend beyond the surface area of the first layer to form a border completely surrounding the first layer.

Please delete the paragraphs beginning at page 3, line 30, through page 4, line 22.

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 23-29, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

In accordance with a further alternative aspect of the present invention, a ~~single-use processing substrate~~ disposable cutting sheet for cutting and preparation of food items

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thereon comprises a first cut-resistant layer having a first surface area and comprising a ply of tissue disposed below a ply of thermoplastic material ply and a tissue ply and a wherein the first layer includes a plurality of apertures therethrough. The cutting sheet further includes a planar second layer having a second surface area and comprising a ply of tissue disposed above a ply of thermoplastic material ply and a tissue ply, wherein. The tissue ply of the first layer is disposed on and secured to the tissue ply of the second layer and substantially centered on the second layer in at least one dimension such that ~~a portion~~ portions of the second surface area is laterally disposed outside of the first surface area thermoplastic and tissue plies of the second layer extend beyond the first surface area of the first layer to form a border completely surrounding the first layer.